

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1(c) of rule XIX, further proceedings on this resolution will be postponed.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 42 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. BONO MACK) at 1 o'clock and 55 minutes p.m.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF HOUSE REGARDING ARIZONA SHOOTING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1(c) of rule XIX, proceedings will now resume on the resolution (H. Res. 32) expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to the tragic shooting in Tucson, Arizona, on January 8, 2011.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. When proceedings were postponed earlier today, 4 hours and 6 minutes of debate remained on the resolution.

The gentleman from California (Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN) has 2 hours remaining, and the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. PASTOR) has 2 hours and 6 minutes remaining.

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I yield such time as she may consume to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mrs. MYRICK).

Mrs. MYRICK. I thank the gentleman for yielding the time.

I think like everyone else who is here, I'm here today in support of this resolution, not only because it recognizes what happened in that tragic situation that just shocked and saddened all of us on Saturday, but I think most people in America were really just in a state of shock and not actually knowing what to do at that time when we saw what was happening, not just to our friend, GABBY GIFFORDS, who is a friend with everyone here, but also to all of the other families that were touched by this.

It goes so deep in the Tucson community when you look at the six people who gave their lives and the people who are still in the hospital fighting for their lives and all the heroes of that day. We keep hearing story after story after story of the heroes that emerged, just ordinary, everyday Americans who do what we do in situations like that. We don't think about ourselves, but we come forward to help the other person. And there were so many people like

that who literally saved lives, GABBY's staff members, who were so heroic at this time, and just the shock that all of them I know are still going through. But I know that they are really heartened by the fact that most people in America are just reaching out to them, and people are saying, what can I do, how can I help, where can I be of service to this situation?

And that's what we do in America is we come together. We pull together. We say, okay, we need to be Americans and Americans first. And I think that's what we're seeing out of this. And I just hope that we, throughout this country, can continue to maintain that feeling of goodwill toward one another, of wanting to help one another, of wanting to reach out to one another and wanting to work together no matter where we are in the country, because that's what makes us great.

So our prayers and our support are with GABBY and with the others, and they will continue to be. The reports appear to continue to be good, which is so gratifying and so heartening to all of us. And we all look forward to the day when she's back here standing on this floor with the rest of us.

Mr. PASTOR of Arizona. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. CASTOR).

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. I thank Mr. PASTOR for yielding.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of my community in Florida, the Tampa Bay area, I rise to honor my friend and colleague, GABRIELLE GIFFORDS, her staff and the other victims of the Arizona shooting tragedy. The arc of time of Congresswoman GIFFORDS' service to her community and in the U.S. House so far has proven to be a time of change and challenge.

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Through it all, Representative GIFFORDS has been a model public servant. When we were sworn in 4 years ago, Congresswoman GIFFORDS and I arrived as part of a class, Republican and Democrat, that had very high ideals. She was a leader from the very beginning. We adopted ethics reform. We bolstered veterans. We sought modern solutions for energy challenges. We helped more students attend college. And she, particularly, promoted scientific innovation.

She sought a seat on the Armed Services Committee at a time when our country was struggling with the war in Iraq. She sought that seat because she wanted to ensure that the military personnel and the bases in her district had a champion—and did they ever.

Congresswoman GIFFORDS rose quickly to become a leader on solar energy and on immigration reform. GABBY works to strike a balance with pragmatic policies that actually work. And whether it was President Bush or President Obama, Congresswoman GIFFORDS spoke up boldly for additional resources on the U.S. border.

I know it sounds like a modern fairy tale, that a beautiful, smart congress-

woman marries an astronaut, but a love of science and a love of their country brought them together. She was a champion for NASA and space exploration before she married Captain Mark Kelly, but she has become one of the greatest advocates for the mission of NASA.

In 2007, our economy began to contract and people lost jobs, and Representative GIFFORDS stood up to fight for them, for help for the Tucson area and for our great country. It has not been easy, but GABBY does not give up. As one of the more youthful Members of Congress, Congresswoman GIFFORDS has served at a time when the first President of our generation was elected.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentlewoman has expired.

Mr. PASTOR of Arizona. I yield the gentlewoman an additional 15 seconds.

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. It is a time of hope and promise, but in the middle of a time of great economic challenge for Arizona, for Florida, and for all of America. But GABBY GIFFORDS has an optimistic eye to the future. She believes that working together we can solve many of the challenges before us. And in her honor we must recommit to doing so.

From the stories of the victims and the heroes in Tucson, it is obvious that it is a community composed of remarkable individuals. And it may explain why the Tucson area has sent such a remarkable public servant to represent them.

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Louisiana, Dr. FLEMING.

Mr. FLEMING. I thank my friend from California.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 32. Last week, in an act of cowardly violence, our friend and colleague, GABBY GIFFORDS, was gunned down at a public event intended to give her constituents a forum to express their opinions. While our Nation honors, mourns, and remembers those hurt and killed in this senseless tragedy, it is imperative that we strengthen our resolve as public servants to not let these acts deter us from the important work we do and from who we are.

America was founded on the idea that the people have direct access to their elected representatives, and as long as I serve, I plan to continue that tradition. As Speaker BOEHNER so eloquently put it, no act, no matter how heinous, must be allowed to stop us from our duty.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Congresswoman GIFFORDS, her family, and all those who suffered from last week's events.

Finally, God bless GABBY GIFFORDS. God bless the victims of this tragedy. God bless this institution. And God bless the United States of America.

Mr. PASTOR of Arizona. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. ELLISON).